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LARGE FORCES OF GERMANS REMOVED FROM EAST FRONT

Action Is In Violation of Russ-German Armistice Prohibiting Such Action.

WESTERN FRONT IS QUIET

German Infantry Inactive, and Belief Is That Hindenburg Awaits Re-enforcements Before Beginning Long Heralded Attack; U. S. Sentry Killed

By Associated Press.

While their guns bombard the western front, the Germans are taking troops from the eastern front for use elsewhere despite the provision of the Russ-German armistice prohibiting such action. The artillery activity in France has been moderate over most of the front and more violent on the right bank of the Meuse, northeast of Verdun, the scene of the German attack nearly two years ago.

German infantry has not been active and it is probable that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is waiting for more reinforcements before making his heralded attack. Russian advises telling of the German withdrawals in the east add that some of the troops are being taken to the Rumanian front. Rumania is not taking part in the peace negotiations and the Ukraine, which lies beyond Moldavia and Besarabia, is opposed to the Bolsheviks.

South of Juvincourt, in the Champagne, the French have carried out a raid into the German lines and brought back prisoners. On the British portions of the front there have been raids but no large operations are yet indicated.

On the northern Italian front, the Austro-German tactics appear to be to strike alternately at vital points on either side of the Brenta. Checked at Monte Asolo last week, the enemy has struck toward the Frenella valley, west of the river. After two days of bitter fighting, the Italians have regained possession of lost positions on the Col del Rosso west of the river, and have attacked the Austro-German positions on Monte Terliva, east of the river. Berlin claims the capture of 9,000 prisoners at Col del Rosso which was lost to the Italians.

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STEAMER THOUGHT LOST

Tuscarora, Formerly in Lake Service, Had Crew of 35 Men Aboard.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The American steamship Tuscarora, formerly a lake vessel, and reconditioned by the United States for Atlantic service, together with her entire crew of 35 men, is believed to have been lost at sea north of Cape Breton island, according to advices received today from Nova Scotia.

The crew of the Tuscarora was recruited in New England ports. She was commanded by Captain Crowell from Cape Cod.

A large number of lake ships were caught in a heavy storm of two weeks ago and all but the Tuscarora have been reported. Today's advices were received here that parts of bridge pilot house and deck timbers from a large steamer had been washed ashore on St. Paul Island, 30 miles northeast of the Cape north of Cape Breton island. Shipping men believe it is from the missing lake steamer.

Mining Company Chartered.

The charter papers for the Laurel Mining company were received at the court house, Uniontown Monday afternoon. The incorporators are James R. C. Barr of Philadelphia, Harry M. Bateman of Confluence, and John P. Kephart. The capital stock of the concern is \$100,000. The principal offices will be located in Philadelphia.

Sergeant Cunningham Home.

Sergeant Martin Cunningham with the U. S. Cavalry, at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, arrived home yesterday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Cunningham of Nine street.

LIEUT. PAULL, AVIATOR AND NEPHEW OF J. T. JOHNSTON, IS FATALLY INJURED IN FRANCE

Signal Corps Man, Victim of Airplane Accident, General Pershing Reports.

PARENTS ONCE LIVED HERE

Every Butcher in City Sold Out at Noon Monday, Despite Price of 50 Cents a Pound.

The promise of the weather man for "white" Christmas held good Monday night, and a light layer of snow covered the ground yesterday morning. The cold weather is still holding forth. For a time Monday night it seemed that rain would mar the day but during the night it became colder, turning the rain to snow.

Many families had to substitute chicken for their Christmas turkey yesterday. Every butcher and grocer in the city handling the birds was sold out shortly after noon Monday and a turkey could not be bought anywhere in the city.

The price of the birds was 50 cents a pound but it was paid and there was not a left-over turkey in any crate in the city. The big birds went first, April 10 o'clock Monday morning not a turkey could be bought that weighed much over eight pounds.

Miss Harriet Smith has also been made a clerk but will continue to act as private secretary to Postmaster W. D. McGinnis. Miss Miner Keifer will be clerk on the general delivery window.

An effort is also being made to have the postoffice department place boxes on each end of the Pennsylvania station platform for the convenience of persons sending letters out on the trains. No definite decision on the matter has yet been made. Boxes are located in the platform of the Baltimore & Ohio station, and are emptied by the railway mail clerks who go through them as the trains arrive.

The West Penn railways company handled heavy traffic all day. On the South Connellsville line one conductor broke all previous records in hauling 26 people through the hills.

The majority of persons joining the Red Cross in its membership, headed the warning of the National Underwriters association about the danger of placing lighted candles back of service flags in their windows.

Although never residing in Connellsville, Lieutenant Pauli had relatives and friends here. His parents were married in Connellsville, the ceremony being solemnized September 13, 1894 at the Smier residence in Peach street, now owned and occupied by W. F. Solson and family.

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GARFIELD TESTIFIES

Stimulating Prices Rather Than Regulating Prices, He Says.

By Associated Press.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—A plot to poison Red Cross bandages and spread wholesale death among the soldiers of America and her allies has been exposed and frustrated here. Revelations of the conspiracy were made today when it became known that the department of justice agents were searching for the perpetrators of the plot to spread death among soldiers.

Three thousand four hundred surgical dressings rolled by patriotic women in Toledo were infected with a mysterious green poison while in transit between Toledo and Cleveland.

Immediately upon discovery, every one of the 3,400 bandages was burned. They were destroyed secretly in the rear of the Red Cross warehouse here.

Every effort was made to keep the matter secret and it was successful till today. Officials of the Lakes division of the Red Cross refused to discuss the poisoned bandages but authoritative word was obtained that the bandages had been destroyed and that government agents, aided by clues, were trying to solve the mystery.

The poisoned bandages were a part of the perishable shipments received at the local headquarters of the Lakes division from Red Cross headquarters in other cities. The box of bandages arrived here from the Toledo chapter last week and was taken to the warehouse while women were examining the quantities of surgical dressings after specifications, a dark green substance was noticed on one of them.

FAYETTE DOCTOR SHOT

Brother-in-Law, Suspected of Dr. Goodwin's Murder, Gives Self Up.

Dr. James R. Goodwin, about 55 years old, a well known practicing physician of Bowood, near Masonboro, was shot and almost instantly killed Christmas morning near the home of his sister, Mrs. Cole Bowers at Cheat Neck, just across the West Virginia line, where he had gone to invite his sister to eat Christmas dinner with him.

A short time later Cole Bowers, brother-in-law of Dr. Goodwin, gave himself up to a posse headed by the sheriff of Monongalia county, West Virginia.

GIVEN TRAVELING BAG.

Miss Margaret King, Chief Operator, Honored By Bell Operators.

Miss Margaret King, chief operator of the Bell Telephone company was presented with a handsome leather traveling bag by the local operators Monday evening. The bag was purchased by the girls as a Christmas gift.

Miss Winnie Tippling, assistant chief operator, presented the traveling bag to Miss King.

More Persons Are Needed to Aid in Answering Draft Questionnaires.

More help is needed by the legal advisory boards of the two draft districts here, to relieve the persons who are already working on answering questionnaires. The present boards and their associates are swamped.

Men or women who will volunteer their services can be used.

NEED MORE HELP.

Trucks Collide.

The left front wheel of the F. C. Rose Ice Cream truck was broken Monday evening about 5 o'clock when the machine was hit by the truck of the Connellsville market.

CITY TO HAVE ALL NIGHT POSTOFFICE SERVICE SHORTLY

Mail Received and Sent Out on Night Trains Beginning January 1.

CHANGES IN THE FORCE

Local Boys Attend Queer Little Church and See Tasks Go by, Shank Writes.

Several Promotions Necessitated by New Service; Department Trying to Have Boxes Placed at Each End of Pennsylvania Railroad Platform.

Beginning today, Connellsville will have all night postoffice service, with mail being received and sent out on all night trains. The new plan will give the city the best postal service except the meetings we used to have when we had a Y. The preacher spoke in French and the songs were all French, but it was church just the same. Protestant churches are scarce here. This one is about half the size of our Sunday school room (the Christian) and there were 26 people there besides our fellows. There were about 15 of us. So you see the church isn't very large. There weren't any men folks except the preacher and our gang. There was no choir, getting a regular route.

Previously the postoffice had been closed to the public after 7 o'clock.

"This morning I was in a Protestant church. First time since I left home except the meetings we used to have when we had a Y. The preacher spoke in French and the songs were all French, but it was church just the same. Protestant churches are scarce here. This one is about half the size of our Sunday school room (the Christian) and there were 26 people there besides our fellows. There were about 15 of us. So you see the church isn't very large. There weren't any men folks except the preacher and our gang. There was no choir, getting a regular route.

"The new service caused a few promotions among the clerks and carriers. C. H. Stouffer, who had formerly been a carrier, was made a courier, and Levi G. Hoover, a substitute carrier, getting a regular route.

Miss Harriet Smith has also been made a clerk but will continue to act as private secretary to Postmaster W. D. McGinnis. Miss Miner Keifer will be clerk on the general delivery window.

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At present persons go to the Pennsylvania station with a letter to go out immediately if the train is late.

It is necessary to wait for it. If a box were ready the letter could be dropped into it and the sender would know that it would go out on the first train to arrive.

"Still running every day and night, hardly know how firm ground feels.

But we are lucky, I guess, according to what the fellows in the first line have to put up (censored).

"I wish you all a merry Christmas. Guess this will reach you about that time. I have received the sweater sets, cakes and candy, socks and cakes, and a box of cookies. Chewing gum can only be bought at the 'Y' and 'Z' are scarce.

The second letter, dated November 15, follows:

"Do you know what happened 21 years ago next Friday? Never thought I'd spend my 21st birthday here, but guess this is about as good a place as any just now... It's like the skipper said the other day. (We call the captain the skipper. He sure is a dandy fellow). We were formed ready to go to the 'job' and he was giving us some pointers. In his speech he said: 'Hell knows, I'd rather be any place but here, but we're here and must make the best of it.' That's all the sentiment of all of us. We're in and going to stick it out. The couriers are coming pretty regularly now. In every mail I get several of them. Saw in the paper that they had quite a time in Connellsville last night. Suppose the kids had some time. Suppose they gathered at our house.

"Saw three tanks the other day. They don't look very dangerous at a glance, but those things climb trenches and go through wire as though nothing was in their way. About four hours ago the large rifles issued us at Oakmont were collected and shipped back to the States for the new army to train with. In their place we got the new U. S. Army rifle. She sure is a dandy. Not so big or so heavy as the other, but shoots harder and uses a larger shell. The new bayonets are longer and better than the others, too. Most all the real scrapping is done with cold steel. You have heard what the Italians did to the Germans down on the line. They got them in a low country, then threw a couple of rives on them. In other words, they swam them. Saw a bunch of prisoners packed in box cars today. They sure were a 'down in the mouth' looking bunch. Started to write this letter three times. Wishing you all a merry Christmas."

MILLER WINS HAT.

Awarded Prize Given by J. W. McClure for Selling Most Stamps.

Mail Carrier J. W. Miller won the hat offered by J. W. McClure to the carrier who sold the largest amount of War Savings and Thrift stamps up to December 24. His total was \$2,172.24.

Other prizes, given by Postmaster W. D. McGinnis, were won as follows:

Second, W. H. Friend, \$1,169.21; Third, A. L. Seaman, \$1,044.01; fourth, Charles M. Raymond, \$755.25; fifth, S. R. Cox, \$279.05.

ANOTHER WRECK VICTIM.

Wife of Nixon Cafe Proprietor Dies Bringing Total Dead Up to 20.

By Associated Press.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Adelade Bongiovanni, injured in Monday afternoon's street car wreck at the South Hills tunnel, died at the South Side hospital today, bringing the total dead to 20.

Given Traveling Bag.

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Temperature Record.

Fair tonight and probably Thursday; not quite so cold Thursday, is the noon weather forecast for Western Pennsylvania.

Williams for R. R. Administrator.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—John Skelton Williams, controller of the treasury, was being discussed today in official circles as the most probable selection for federal railroad administrator. Should President Wilson decide to appoint one,

Stevens at Fort Yukon.

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Major Gives Christmas Gifts.

Each member of the police force was presented with \$3 by Major Marietta

esterday morning as a Christmas gift.

City Clerk A. O. Bixler and the officers gave the mayor a box of fine

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Marie Ranker, daughter of Mrs. Clara Ranker of East Fairview avenue, and Corporal G. Harry Mason, of Company I, 31st Infantry, stationed at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va. The ceremony was solemnized in the Sacred Heart church, New York city, August 17 last, with Rev. James McKeever, the pastor, officiating, and was kept a secret by the young couple. Announcement to relatives was made at a family dinner given yesterday by Corporal Mason's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mason, at their home in South Arch street. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ellard, and small son, Mr. and Mrs. James Mason and daughter, Nellie Ruth, of Uniontown; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mason, Joseph A. Mason, Mr., of Pittsburgh, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMillen of Lintonburg. Sergeant Major George H. Mason of the 6th Aero Squadron, stationed at Camp Kelly, San Antonio, Tex., was unable to be present. Corporal and Mrs. Mason have a host of friends to whom their marriage came as a great surprise. The bride previous to her marriage had charge of the millinery department of Kaufman's store in Brownsville. Corporal Mason prior to going to Camp Lee was in business at Dunbar. He arrived home from Petersburg Monday morning. His furlough expires Friday.

Miss Celia Ray Clark and Roy Charlene Bryner, a well known young couple of Connellsburg, were married this morning at 9:30 at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church in Will's road by the pastor, Rev. Wilbur Nelson. The bride for the past several years has resided at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones in North Pittsburg street. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Bryner left for Washington, D. C., to spend their honeymoon. Upon their return they will be at home at Scottdale, where Mr. Bryner is employed by the H. C. Frick Coke Company.

Miss Elizabeth Franks, formerly a stenographer for the Tri-State Telephone Company in Uniontown, and Ernest Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lewis of Uppermiddleton, were married Saturday morning, by Rev. Hubert of Fairchance. Mr. Lewis is employed by the Youngstown Construction Company.

Miss Alice Lazar McCracken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCracken of Wind Ridge Green county, and Lieutenant Floyd S. Strandander, stationed at Camp Meade, Annadale, Md., were married Saturday afternoon in the home of the bride's brother, Dr. Jesse Lazar McCracken at Smithfield. Rev. N. L. Browne of the Waynesburg Methodist Episcopal Church officiated.

Miss Kathryn Penn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Penn of North Arch street, and Hobart G. Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Fisher of South Connellsburg, were quietly married Thursday, December 20, at the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal church in Somerset, Rev. Everett Inskip, the pastor, officiated. Mr. Fisher and his bride are well and favorably known. The latter was graduated from the city high school as a member of the class of 1916. Mr. Fisher is clerk in the division accountant's office of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are at the home of the latter's parents.

The Maccabees held successful dances yesterday afternoon and last evening in Maccabees hall. Both dances were well attended and a very delightful time was had. Music was furnished by Kiferle's orchestra. A number of out-of-town guests were present.

Invitations have been issued for the annual Holiday Assembly of the Uniontown Laurel club to be held Monday evening, December 31; this is the one biannual function of Uniontown, dating back as it does to the old Assemblies in the Grand Opera house. Music will be furnished by the Maggio-Nossaloff orchestra of Pittsburgh. The house committee in charge of arrangements is composed of Dr. F. C. Robinson, L. L. Willard and C. S. Bowman.

The Sunday school of the South Connellsburg Evangelical church rendered a well prepared program last evening in the church in the presence of a large and appreciative audience. In behalf of the members and friends of the church Rev. M. B. McLaughlin, the church pastor, was presented with a purse of \$50. Mrs. Grant Shoemaker of Gibson avenue, making the presentation speech, Mrs. McLaughlin was presented with a beautiful patch work quilt, a gift from the ladies of the congregation. Each patch contains the name of the donor. Rev. W. F. Conley made the presentation speech. The pastor and his wife responded with hearty thanks. The Sunday school gave an offering of \$13 for the Armenians, and \$4 for the cause of missions. A series of revival meetings, beginning Sunday evening, December 30 will be held in the church.

"Dainty yellow and white appointments prevailed at the wedding of Miss Jean Elder Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Cooper, and George Eisenhauer, Jr., of Pittsburg, which took place yesterday at noon in the home of the bride in Huston avenue. Rev. G. L. C. Richardson, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, officiated, using the ring ceremony. Only the immediate members and a few intimate friends of the two

can do it here at home. Let us give you prices.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fiser of Duquesne and Mr. and Mrs. Redding Bunting and daughter of Pittsburg, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harmon May of Tenth street, West Side.

John Bierer, who was home from Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., left for camp last night.

Every merchant, every bank and business man advocates buying at home. Then let us give you prices on your job work this coming year. The Courier Job Dept.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Consell and daughter, Miss Daisy, of Homer City, and Byers Flemmick of Youngstown, O., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cochran, Jr., yesterday.

Miss Margaret Coyne of Pittsburg spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Anna Coyne of the South Side.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Patterson and Miss Helen Jones, the latter of Ohio City, left this morning for Augusta, Ga., to visit Mrs. Patterson's brother, Charles Donnelly at Camp Hancock. Later Miss Jones will leave for New Jersey where she and her mother, Mrs. H. C. Jones, will spend the winter.

Thousands of dollars in job printing leaving Connellsburg every month. Give us a chance to bid on it. The Courier company.

Rev. Wilbur Nelson left today for Saginaw, Mich., to visit his mother, Mrs. Laura A. Nelson. The pulpit of the First Baptist church will be supplied in his absence next Sunday by Rev. W. E. Phelps of Barnesboro, Pa.

Mrs. W. L. Miller of Sycamore street, who underwent an operation several weeks ago at the West Penn hospital, Pittsburg, is getting along along nicely.

Don't knock Connellsburg by sending your money out of town for your job work when The Courier company can do it here at home. Let us give you prices.

J. A. Boyce of Pittsburg, formerly of Connellsburg, was in town Monday.

"Oh, you're a chief of police, are you? Well, that's nice. Have some money?"

The chief was willing to be sociable. "Well, well, well, so you're a cheetah of police; are you? I'm a barber myself but there's not much difference except maybe a barber gets his money honestly."

He smiled as he said it but the "cheetah" got very indignant. "See here, sir, I accepted your invitation to imbibe, not expectin' to be insulted."

If he hadn't been so thirsty, there might have been a duel or somethin' (Southern stuff).

The unit now has a mascot named "Wow" (WOW). The name came to him as a result of a speech delivered about 4 A. M. the morning after the first night out from Pittsburg.

"Unit L" it went, "we got to have a mascot. Every unit must have a mascot and I command you, if you see anything that creeps, crawls or moves or otherwise propels itself, to capture it. If you can, get a 'wow.' A 'wow' is the largest and most wonderful animal in captivity. A 'wow' only speaks every 17 years. But when he do speak--'WOW!'

Naturally the pop somebody bought in Cincinnati was immediately named "Wow."

Sunday, December 23.—We arrived at Fort McPherson at 7 o'clock Friday night. Had colts, straw ticks and three blankets issued to each of us right away.

The fort is a big place, several thousand acres, in fact. Eight hundred seventy-five Germans are quartered in the barbed wire stockade about a mile back in the woods. Some time ago, 10 dug their way out. They were all captured, the guards say.

Everybody in the unit is well and all are anxious to get started on actual training. Were measured for uniforms Saturday and will get them Monday.

Mr. Sherman, formerly city editor of The Courier, is the only Connellsburg man in Unit "L" which was organized by the Allegheny General hospital of Pittsburg. There are a number of Mount Pleasant and Scottdale men in the unit.

Negress Committed.

Bessie Edwards, colored, was committed to jail on a charge of incorrigibility at 11 o'clock Monday night by Alderman W. D. Coborn, on information preferred by her mother, Mrs. Lucy Edwards. It was alleged that the girl was unruly and remained away from home at late hours. The girl was kept in the lockup here over Christmas and was taken to Uniontown today by Constable Charles Wilson.

Wed in Cumberland.

Paul C. Ferrier and Catherine Helen Thomas of Rockwood; George Richard Pritts and Pearl Jeanie Henry of Rockwood; Gratta Edwards of Scottsdale and Ruth Amanda Ferguson of South Fords, Pa.; John W. Fisher of Fairchance and Ella Amelia Dillon of Uniontown; William Frederick Shipp of Fayette, and Florence Hutchison of Mill Run, took out licenses to wed in Cumberland.

Y. L. Club Dance.

Dance tonight at Maddas Hall, given by Y. L. Club of St. Rita's church, Kiferle's orchestra—Adv.—26-1c.

Union Taxi Co.

Day and night service. Bell phone: 737. Tri-State 669. Garage, Arch St. and Church place—Adv.—30-1c.

Infant Dies.

Miss Doona Knits.

In the list given in Saturday's issue of The Courier of those who contributed knitted articles for the Navy League, Mrs. Anna Duncan of Dunbar, was named. This should have been Miss Anna Doona.

TRAPSHOOTERS "KILL" 6,175,848 CLAY BIRDS

Official figures show that trapshooters broke 6,175,848 "birds" in 493 registered tournaments this year. Each of the clay birds cost two cents and each shell fired cost five cents. This means that \$35,300.36 was spent on "birds" alone at these tournaments. And these events do not include the weekly shoots throughout the country, nor is the grand American handicap included. It is estimated that at least 400,000 "birds" were "killed" at the grand American.

Slavish Dance.

There will be a dance in Slavish Hall, December 26. All are invited—Adv.—24-21.

Hunting Bargains?

You will find them in our ad. columns.

LADY ARTHUR PAGE

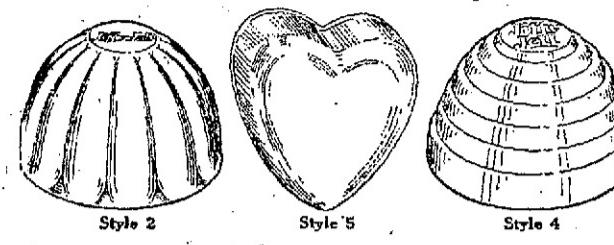
A GOOD WAR WORKER



Dessert Molds

Free

Pure Aluminum—Assorted Styles



Style 2 Style 3 Style 4

Our Offer

Buy from your grocer two packages of Jiffy-Jell to try. Then mail us the coupon below. Enclose only 10c to pay mailing, and we will send you three individual dessert molds in assorted styles, made of pure aluminum.

Or enclose 20c and we will send six molds—enough to serve, a full package of Jiffy-Jell. The value is 60c per set.

Or we will send a pint mold, either heart or fluted shape—value 50c—for only 10c to pay mailing.

Cut out the coupon now. Order Jiffy-Jell at once, for this offer expires in one week.

If You'll Try Jiffy-Jell

A Lifetime Gift If You'll Try Jiffy-Jell

A Fruity, Economical Dessert or Salad

We want you to know Jiffy-Jell for your own sake. See how it excels the old-style gelatine desserts. It will surprise, and delight you.

Jiffy-Jell is an exquisite product, made with rare-grade gelatine. No sugar, no fruit need be added. Just add boiling water. Then add the rich fruit flavor from the vial in each package.

The great distinction lies in these wondrous flavors, made from fresh, ripe fruit. They are highly concentrated, so Jiffy-Jell desserts and salads have a wealth of rich fruit taste. They come sealed in bottles—one in each package—so they keep their strength and freshness.



A sealed bottle of liquid fruit flavor is in each Jiffy-Jell package.

All fruit flavors are made direct from the fresh, ripe fruit itself.

See how Jiffy-Jell differs from old-type desserts where the flavors came mixed with the powder. It will be a revelation.

Here you have fruity dainties, zestful salads, at a trifling cost. No other fruit dainty costs so little. No other form of dessert is so economical. Mix in vegetables or fruit for healthful, nourishing salads.

Millions are enjoying Jiffy-Jell. Now we ask you to buy two packages to try. Then mail this coupon to us, and any molds you select will be sent you for just the cost of mailing. They mean a lifetime gift.

Cut out the coupon now, for this offer expires in a week. Be sure you receive the Jiffy-Jell from the grocer before sending us the coupon.

Jiffy-Jell

A Bottle of Fruit Flavor in Every Package

PERSONAL

Our former mold offer to Jiffy-Jell users swamped us with orders. From time to time we could not get enough molds to supply the demand. Customers were disappointed. Grocers are now supplied. We have plenty of room in our plant to request of many who have written us we repeat this offer and urge every family to accept it.

Ten Flavors in Glass Vials

Each Package Contains the Liquid Fruit Flavor in a Separate Vial

Strawberry Cherry Loquat

Pineapple Lemon Raspberry

Orange Lime-Mint

Two Packages for 25c—At Grocers

Mail Us This Coupon When you buy Jiffy-Jell from your Grocer

I have today received two packages of Jiffy-Jell as pictured here from

Name of Grocer _____
Now I mail this coupon with
10c for Pint Mold, heart or fluted, or
10c for 3 Individual Molds, or
20c for 6 Individual Molds
(Check which)

Write plainly and
give full address.
Your Name _____

Address _____

Be sure you get Jiffy-Jell with package like picture, for nothing else has true-fruit flavors in vials. Mail coupon to

Waukesha Pure Food Company, Waukesha, Wis.

The Grim Reaper

FRED KHLOD

Fred Kholod, 66 years old, a well known resident of the West Side, died yesterday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the family residence in Tenth street.

Funeral Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the house and at 2 o'clock from St. John's German Lutheran church, with Rev. George Dietz, the pastor, officiating. Internment in Hill Grove cemetery. Mr. Kholod's death was caused by Bright's disease. He was born in Germany May 18, 1851, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Kholod, widow, one son, Arthur Kholod of Fort Worth, Tex., and one daughter, Mrs. George Benninghoff of Greenville, Pa., survive.

SAMUEL BEAL

Samuel Beal, 70 years old, died suddenly of heart trouble, yesterday morning at his home in Ursina. Funeral Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with interment in Ursina cemetery. He is survived by his widow, and the following children: Norman Beal of Ursina; Edwin Beal of Rockwood; James Beal of Scottdale; Albert Beal of Somersfield; Mrs. Alva Morrison of Brownsville, and Esther at home.

PAUL GRIGLAK

Paul Griglak died yesterday at his home at Trotter following an illness of pneumonia. Funeral tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock from the St. John's Slavic church in the West Side. Interment in St. John's cemetery. Deceased is survived by his widow, and the following children: Michael, Edward, Caroline, Mary, Griglak of Trotter also survives.

EMMETT KERNS

Emmett Kerns, 17 years old, died Monday evening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kerns at Dunbar, following an illness of scarlet fever and pneumonia. Private funeral services were held this afternoon at 12:30 o'clock with interment in Mount Auburn cemetery.

Major De Saulles is remembered by many people of this section. John Longer De Saulles, the victim in the now famous murder case, was born at Dunbar, while his parents were living in this region.

FRANCIS UPPERMANN

Francis Uppermann, 16 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Uppermann of Allison, died Monday.

ORANGE COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS FOR M. E. REVIVAL

Schedule of Services to Precede Evangelistic Services is Made Up.

HY-MO-ME WINS ANOTHER

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Special to The Courier.

SCOTTDALE, Dec. 26.—In preparation for the evangelistic services to be held by the Methodist Episcopal church, the following cottage prayer meetings have been arranged with five leaders chosen. One of the five must be present to lead. Thursday, December 27, William Beddows, 360 South Chestnut street, leaders, Ben Willard, Mrs. Colborn, Mrs. Reynolds, G. W. Terbusch and J. P. Strickler. George E. Taylor, White School house, leaders, Grace Lockard, Albert Hemp, J. L. Reynolds, Kate Booher, Harry Taylor, J. T. Strickler and Edgar McGee.

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TWO NOTED RIVERS

Tagliamento and Livenza Become Important in Italy.

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The National Geographic society at Washington has issued the following war geography bulletins on the Tagliamento and Livenza rivers, mentioned in the cable dispatches concerning the German drive into Italy:

"The Tagliamento river, whose flood banks serve as a rampart for the retreating Italians for only a few days, and which was crossed by the Austro-German forces, is a stream of no value commercially. It is one of many small rivers rising in the Carnic Alps and flowing through the Venetian plain into the Adriatic. Its headwaters are near Mount Clapsavon, about sixty-five miles northwest of its entrance into the Adriatic, but the course of the stream is meandering, flowing first to the east and then south through a marshy valley, thus traversing a distance of 100 miles.

"Just 120 years ago the Tagliamento figured prominently in another great military campaign in northern Italy. It was during Napoleon's campaign of 1797 that reinforcements were greatly needed by the French. Bernadotte, who afterward was placed by Napoleon on the throne of Sweden as Charles XIV, led his army with signal dispatch from the banks of the Rhine to his commander in chief, and at the passage of the Tagliamento won enduring distinction.

"The Tagliamento passes no important cities of Venetia. The most important of the small towns that squat upon its marshy banks are Venzone, 20 miles by rail from the Austro-Italian frontier; Spilimbergo, and Latisana. The last-named is equidistant from Udine and Trieste on the 100-mile railway which connects these two important cities. The Tagliamento flows 15 miles to the west of Udine, the first Italian city of importance to fall before the advancing Teutonic forces in the present offensive.

"Now I am not going to say that many young men are going to have to pay \$20,000 at their hook and call to demonstrate that it only needs the occasion to make men out of them, but I do say that there are scores of young men doing just as much or more."

In ancient times the Tagliamento was known as Tlavevontus.

"The Livenza, like the Tagliamento, is one of many streams which rise in the Carnic Alps and flow through the Julian region of Venetia. Its course is not more than seventy-five miles in length, but it has numerous tributaries, chief among those on the east being the Meduna, the Flume and the Site, while the Monticano and the Mescina are affluents of the west bank. The point at which the Livenza mingles its waters with the Adriatic is only 225 miles northeast of Italy's priceless jewel city, Venice.

"The plain lying between the parallel courses of the Tagliamento and the Livenza is dotted with Italian towns of great historic and art interest. Chief among these are Pordenone, probably the Pontine Nauli of the ancients, but now many miles from the sea; Portogruaro, San Vito, Aszano and the ruins of Concordia Sagittaria, the ancient Roman military station."

Our Pensioners in England.

In his way, John Daris, who died at Bermondsey home in Blue Anchor Lane—an appropriate address for an old sailor—did much work on behalf of Englishmen who, like himself, had fought in the American Civil war, relates a writer in the Westminster Gazette.

There are something like 150 of these men still living in this country, and John Davis was instrumental in rescuing many of them from the workhouse and getting them pensions, which the United States government was always willing to pay if it had known where to find the men.

On the last occasion I chatted with the old man in his little parlor, furnished like a ship's cabin, he told me of a rumor that the pensioners were to be stopped unless the men returned to America, but he wrote later to say that this rumor was quite without foundation.

Work and Play.

Variation of types of work properly adjusted will often substitute for what is generally known as play, says the New York Times. For instance, one's brain center may become weary at a monotonous occupation, and a decided change of occupation, notwithstanding it is what we usually call work, will permit the first brain center involved to rest while another works. But we come back to the fact that what most people regard as play is an occupation that they are not required to perform, and it would seem from a psychological standpoint to give greater rest if it be an occupation that is particularly pleasant from the standpoint of producing economic results. Therefore there should be time set aside in the work of the day, no matter whether it be varied or not, when the environment may be changed and play should be taken up.

The Blue Cross.

The Blue Cross fund was organized in 1912 in Constantinople by Lady Lowther, the wife of the British ambassador to Turkey at that time. At the beginning the fund was used to help the Balkan wars and at the beginning of this war was turned over to the British and French governments to work in co-operation with their army veterinary corps and was immediately accepted. The president of the organization is Lady Smith Dorrien, but she has authorized Mrs. Elinor St. John to come to this country to form the American branch of this fund and raise funds.

Turn Out Limbs in 48 Hours.

Two Clyde shipbuilding firms have been turning their attention to the manufacture of artificial limbs, says a Glasgow correspondent, and have produced in 48 hours a limb at a moderate cost which is said to be far superior to any other produced in the country. One thousand maimed soldiers have already been fitted, and 9,000 are on the waiting list.

Strategic Economy.

"So you are tending your own furnace?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Meekton. "And I rather like it. When Henrietta starts an argument it is something of a convenience to go down cellar and rattle things around a bit."

BRAINS OUT

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If when we resumed our usual tasks in the work-a-day world this morning we had not purposed in our hearts to carry a little of the Christmas spirit through the days of the new year, it is proof that we have fallen short in our proper observance of the festal season. If we yielded to the indulgences of appetite or selfish desire, instead of opening our hearts and giving the spirit of the day full possession, we have profited ourselves little and our country nothing.

If we have not practiced some self-sacrifice or personal sacrifice that others might experience the joys of the day in fuller measure, our own lives have not been enriched nor our sympathies broadened. If we have not answered the appeals that have been made to the best and highest in our natures to lend a helping hand to all those agencies which are engaged in carrying on the great work of practical relief and sympathy, and are thus giving living proof that the Christmas spirit can be exemplified every day in the year, we have shown our unwillingness to bring ourselves under its benevolent influence.

If in the Christmas of 1917, when a blasphemous and vainglorious ruler would pervert Christmas into a mockery of the most sacred event in human history, and would deny to the people of the earth the birthright proclaimed at Bethlehem, we have failed gloriously in our lesson from the day we have not caught a new vision of our duty, or a comprehensive grasp of our responsibilities and obligations.

The stern business to which the world is now addressing itself seems inconsistent with the Christmas spirit as we have hitherto known it. The perpetuation of this festival and its pledge of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men," demands, therefore, that we must meet the crisis by which civilization is confronted with unflinching courage and with an unutterable determination to win the war. The earth must be freed of the scourge of Prussianism before the beneficent rays of the Star of Bethlehem will again illuminate the dark places of Europe or replace the lurid, angry glares of the torch of twentieth century barbarism. Then, under the blessings of a universal peace, which is rooted and grounded in the Christmas spirit, as it was first given to the world, every day will be a Christmas day in our country and all others of the earth as well.

OUR PART IN THE CAMPAIGN.

The 7,000 members added to the Red Cross by the campaign in Connellsville and vicinity may seem very insignificant in total compared with the estimated aggregate of 15,000,000 in the United States, but our part in this great movement is relatively just as important. It was because of the systematic canvass, the interest aroused in swelling the membership of this great agency of mercy and the awakening patriotism of the people that made the campaign a success in this section as well as in all other sections.

This magnificent gain in membership proves many things, but none of more potent significance than that the people of the United States are a unit in supporting our country in the war. They are no less earnestly desirous of bearing some part in making provision for the comforts and welfare of our soldiers and the alleviation of distress among the people rendered destitute in the lands where war has cast its withering blight.

On the whole the results of the campaign were fine, not alone as shown by the cold figures, but by the spirit of the citizens who responded so cheerfully and gladly to the call to service. The people who conducted the campaign have earned all the praise and commendation to which a faithful, conscientious and willing discharge of duty entitles them, and there will be a generous and hearty bestowal of it.

LIEDERKRANZ LOYAL.

The German Liederkranz is back up America in any way possible for the prosecution of the war."

This is the clean-cut, frank declaration of loyalty made by the local branch of this influential organization of people of German birth who reside in the United States. Further, they confirmed it with making a donation of \$35.00 to the Red Cross and gave expression of their entire willingness "to do their part in any way, shape or form" as a body of loyal American citizens. Not only that, but it was made plain to a Red Cross committee "that any other committee needing financial aid need not refrain from approaching the Liederkranz."

The community gladly accepts these proofs of loyalty on the part of our citizens of German birth and parentage knowing that on the whole, their

hearts have been in the right place, even though the tender sentiments binding them to their native land have in some instances made it difficult to choose "twixt love and duty." That choice having been made, we now know that henceforth there will be no doubt or question as to where our estimable and worthy brethren of German descent stand on the great issue now before our country.

OUR DUTY.

The day after Christmas will be better than a week or a month later to give ourselves over to a contemplation of our next duty as citizens.

The third Liberty Loan will be started about the middle of February or the first of March. The amount of money to be raised will be much larger than was raised by both of the preceding loans, hence the call upon the resources of the people will be corresponding greater.

The expense of the war, which is growing heavier and heavier as we enter deeper into the struggle, cannot be met by the same measure of thrift among the people that characterized the opening months. Because of the prodigious undertaking and the completeness with which we are preparing for it, the cost to the United States will surpass that of either France or England. The people of these countries, in which the per capita wealth as well as per capita earnings are much below the same standards in the United States, have amazed their governments by the compelling pressure of their patriotism, extraordinary thrift and self-denial which enabled them to absorb the war loan.

As a people or nation we have no aversion to thrift but we have not practiced it to the degree known in European countries. We have learned some valuable lessons, however, and during the first two Liberty Loan campaigns we proved that we know how to "save and serve." Well as we may have learned our first lessons in these patriotic duties the near approach of the time for a third loan should impress us with the fact that we must continue in this self-sacrificing, forward-gazing spirit.

Today is therefore a good time for us to realize that in order to meet the demands of the next loan campaign we must heed the admonition of the President:

"Let every man and every woman assume the duty of careful, provident use and expenditure as a public duty, as a dictate of patriotism which no one can now expect ever to be excused or forgiven for ignoring."

Here and there over the country the discovery is being made that the food control regulations contain some real teeth. As instance, a southern firm of wholesale food handlers refused to accept dried onions, dried beans and onions, because the price had dropped, and allowed them to spoil in the railroad yards. After an investigation by the Food Administration the license of the firm was revoked and it has been ordered to close its doors and quit within December 31. Again it is proven that there are many ways of killing a cat than feeding it on bones.

When the Kaiser began this war for world domination he applied a torch to that House of Civilization I have visualized as a home, the repository of every good and perfect gift that has been won for humanity, the very foundation that is its foundation, and the peace that is its corner stone.

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stole upon the House of Civilization in the night and tossed a burning brand through an open window. Like a thief who applies a match to the rear of a house to stampede the inmates and distract their attention while he plunders, the Kaiser expected to satisfy a long-pondered scheme of robbery and conquest.

Civilization slept the sleep of death, and the fire was to awake it in terror.

Much as he may desire it, the Kaiser

simply can't wish responsibility for either the beginning or the continuation of the war on anyone other than himself.

This is one of the "Made in Germany" tags that won't wear off.

You have just six days, including one Sunday, in which to apply the lessons of Christmas so that there will be no doubt about the happiness of the New Year.

The French Canadians of the province of Quebec are taking secession. They evidently overlook the fact that this issue has already been settled in North America.

THE HOME OF BOYHOOD.

A Holiday Retrospect.

By John S. Ritener.

I love the land amidst whose scenes my care-free boyhood days were spent;

When youthful girls were momentary clouds,

And happy hours were wed to sweet content.

I love so much in that dear spot, and love so deeply;

O, cherish me memories! I grip them strong and greedy tight.

And from their unmeasured sweetness often draw

To beguile the laggard passing of a lonely night.

I love her freshen native scene, a brave and kindly race,

Loyal to their country, creed,

Faithful and to God—

Religion as responsive as Mt. Horob's gushing rock

When obedience it yielded to the might of man's rod

I love the Christmas-Winter days of fifty years ago—

When tokens of affection Santa Claus was sure to bring—

When hearts were full of gladness our homes of secret schemes,

Whilst forth from humble sleepies chimed the joy-bells of the King;

I loved the quest of game o'er snowy field and forest.

The sportive boys and girls on ice-bound pond and brook;

The lure of wading parties o'er miles of frosty spreading.

Then home to welcome warmth by the log fire's cozy nook.

I love Dunbar and green Pine Knob, twin giants of the laurel'd hills;

With rod and gun I've trod their leafy path and dewy glens;

Departing thence but to return again and oft again

I love great Wharton's broad and fertile glades;

Wherson night's vocal silence lies vast and deep;

Her woodland slopes, her meads serene,

Through which Big Sandy's impetuous waters sweep.

I love to feel when death at last mine eyes shall close.

The worn and unworthy soul will take and keep me,

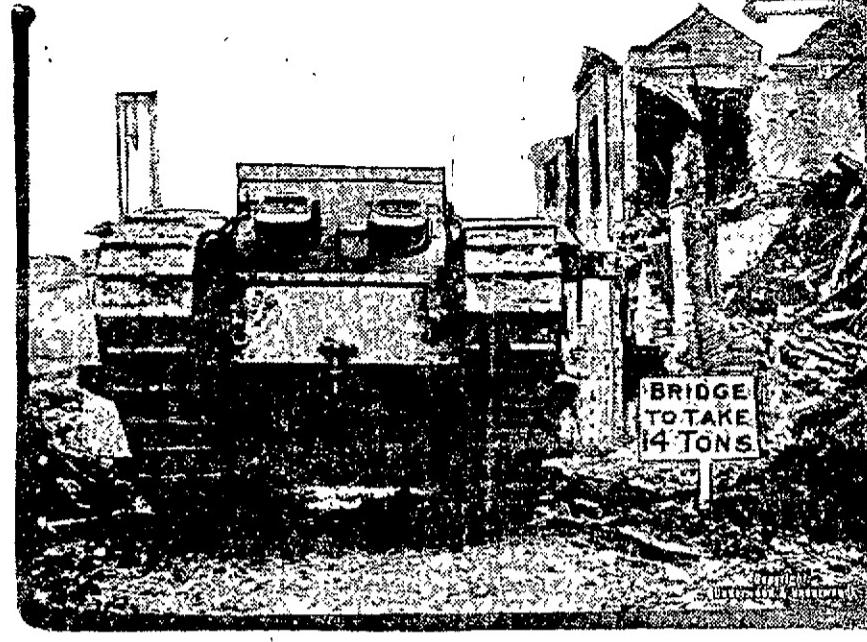
And, returning to the earth from whence it sprang,

My last in Fayette's restful soil shall ever sleep.

A Christmas card went to the author's personal friends, and it added merriment—as the years lengthen, friendships strengthen. With some sentiment of affection that inspired these reminiscient lines, I send you this copy of the writing. I greet you in the festive spirit of the hour, and with the hope that many more happy Christmas holidays may be added unto you life.

JOHN S. RITENER.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 25, 1917.

BRITISH TANK RUMBLES INTO ACTIONA THROUGH THE STREETS OF A RUINED TOWN ON THE WEST FRONT**The Kaiser, Like a Mad Incendiary, Has Fired the House of Civilization**

By Meredith Nicholson in The Official Bulletin.

in which democracy is the altar and the sanctuary.

House on fire! It is not for you and me to stand outside and say that it is only a neighbor's house that is menaced. The first German soldier who set foot on Belgian soil threatened your home and mine. He flourished his brand at the house of civilization in which you and I live. He attacked law, liberty, mercy, justice—every thing that strengthens and adorns that proud house in which we of America have lived in contentment and peace.

There are things in the humblest home that the owner would not lose without a struggle. When the house gets afire the inmates spring to protect and save those things.

We of America are in this war to protect and save the house of civilization and the proud trophies that represent not only our own struggles and sacrifices but those we inherited from sires who shed their blood for them.

Put out the fire! The more quickly we realize that it is our house that is burning, the more quickly we shall be forced to cut away the blackened walls and make the house habitable and secure. We want to see the firemen disperse, the police hustle the incendiary to the lockup, and the adjusters come in and settle the damages.

The way to hasten this consummation is by aiding our brethren—our Army and Navy—in every possible way. If we can't carry water or wield the ax on burning timbers, we can stand back of the men who are doing the work—our work, yours and mine. We can put out our dollars to help them. We can see that the fire fighters are fed and clothed while they are on the job; we can take care of them when they fall injured in our cause.

House on fire! Civilization on fire!

The man who says this is not America's war is asleep in a burning house and does not deserve to be saved by the splendid valorous heroes who are fighting to rescue him.

FOR RENT—FOUR ROOM HOUSE TOM DAYTON Tri-State \$225 6dec-1f

FOR RENT—ONE BEDROOM FURNISHED room 411 East Cedar Ave 2dec-1f

FOR RENT—ONE FOUR ROOM house with two lots near B & O shops 110 S. SNADY 2dec-1f

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOM for graduate Central location comveniences 216 Market St. 2dec-1f

FOR SALE—HORSES, ACCOUNT OF bill Team suitable for coal hauling inside at DULL'S LIVERY 2dec-1f

FOR SALE—WHILE THEY LAST, A few more of these disc cutting potteries at \$1.50 per bushel delivered. Price includes postage and packing. Apply at \$2.25 per bushel. Our phone is now working, 555 Tri-State, or call and see us at 103 East Crawford First door above Colonial Bank West Penn Cash Products Co. 2dec-1f

FOR RENT—B-CHEAPEN AND MOST convenient building lot for workers and others. City water natural gas electric light, trolley service. Prices range from \$50 to \$200 but mostly range around \$200. Inquire while there is still time at the office of THE CONNELLSVILLE EXTENSION COMPANY, The Courier Building, Connellsville, Pa.

Lost.

LOST—SUNDAY EVENING, DEC. 15, gold watch on Main street, West Side. First, to the owner. Call 244-1111. C. S. R. Finder please return to this office and receive reward. 2dec-1f

Moving.

KEYSTONE TRANSFER COMPANY, motor truck service. Moving and heavy hauling a specialty. Bell phone 628 2dec-1f

Notice.

IF THE OWNER OF THE JERSEY cow which came to my farm on Perryopolis road last July will call and pay for same same will be restored. B. F. STRICKLER, Vanderhill, R. D. 1 22dec-1f

Administrator's Notice.

H. G. May and F. E. Younkin, Attorneys ESTATE OF GEORGE S. MILLER, deceased. Letters of administration on the estate of George S. Miller late of the City of Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, deceased, are hereby granted to the undersigned, persons to whom the same are granted to make immediate payment and to those having claims against the same to present them properly authenticated for settlement. DANIEL S. MILLER, Administrator, DANIEL S. MILLER, Attorney-at-Law, MILLER, PENN & YOUNKIN, Connellsville, Pennsylvania. 28nov-1w

Charter Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT application will be made by W. H. McElroy, A. A. Straub and R. S. Matthews to the Governor of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Thursday, Dec. 28, 1917, for a charter for an intended corporation to be called THE STERLING, HIGHDEE & MATTHEWS COMPANY, the character and object of which is the buying, selling, repairing and dealing in electric machinery, goods and appliances and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges by said Act of Assembly, and the supplements thereto, confirmed STERLING, HIGHDEE & MATTHEWS, Solicitors 2dec-1f

New York Sun.

"Cut a cedar of wood is the Fuel Administrator's cry in Vermont. "Cut a mass of red tape" ought to be the slogan in some spots in Washington

INTERESTING WAR NEWS

France and Italy formerly produced their own sugar. They can not do so now. England imported largely from Germany and Russia. Therefore, our Allies must now come to the West Indies for over 2,000,000 tons if they are to obtain a normal amount. They thus draw from our own source of supply and we must divide with them. Therefore, you see the necessity of conserving. You should reduce your sugar consumption.

Attractive, Annual Clearance Sale

Immediately after Christmas, the Union Supply Company's sixty-three stores will inaugurate a Clearance Sale in every department. This is merely an announcement—we will keep you posted daily on the extraordinary attractive bargains that will be offered. A great many persons have not bought their winter supplies yet. There is a certain crowd of bargain-hunters that always wait for reductions; some others delay buying on account of it being inconvenient; others for lack of money, but to all of those, and any other that want to take advantage of the opportunities, they are welcome to the bargains. Beginning Monday, December 31st the

NEWSY NOTES TELL WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MT. PLEASANT

Miss Ola Mae Anderson Bride
of Joseph Norris Galley of Pittsburg.

MATINEE DANCE BIG SUCCESS

Many Out-of-Town Guests at Kemecol's Club's Affair; Candles Lighted on Christmas Tree Set Tree Afire and Cause Slight Blaze in Home.

Special to the Courier.
MOUNT PLEASANT, Dec. 25.—Miss Ola Mae Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Anderson, and Joseph Norris Galley, son of Orion Galley, were married at the home of the bride's parents on Washington street yesterday morning at 8 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Dr. E. J. Knox, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. The bride came down the steps on the arm of her father, by whom she was given in marriage. The wedding march was played by Miss Stella Weidman and Prof. J. Hunter Gamble. The only attendants were Thomasine and Ed. Wyant, cousins of the bride, and Grace and Margaret Galley, sisters of the groom, who carried flowers. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to 40 guests. Mr. and Mrs. Galley left on a wedding trip and on their return will live in Pittsburg, where Mr. Galley is employed as assistant foreman of the Pittsburg printing company. Mr. Galley was a graduate of Carnegie Tech, and Miss Anderson had taught school for the past four years in Mount Pleasant township.

Xmas Candles Cause Fire.

Yesterday evening when the candles were lighter on the Christmas tree at the home of F. S. Irwin on Main street, the tree caught fire and set the room afire. The fire alarm was sounded and the one truck went to the scene of the fire. Very little damage was done.

Matinee Dance.

The matinee dance given by the Nemacolin club in the Park building yesterday afternoon was a decided success. Out-of-town guests were present from Connellsville, Uniontown, Scottdale, Latrobe and Greensburg.

Home From College.

Dr. Jesse S. Mullin, who is taking a post-graduate course at Chicago, is home for a week's vacation.

Notes.

Morgan Smith, daughters Mary and Anne of Lambert, are the guests of Mrs. Anna Overholst of Church street.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Krieger of Youngwood, spent yesterday with friends here.

Smithfield.

SMITHFIELD, Dec. 26.—Lloyd Strohmeier and Miss Alice McCracken were united in marriage Saturday evening, December 22. The ceremony was performed at the home of Dr. J. L. McCracken on Main street. Rev. Dr. A. L. Brown of Waynesburg officiated. The groom was a prominent schoolman of Waynesburg, was principal the last term of the Smithfield borough schools and refused an offer of the principship for the present term to enter the service of his country. He is now a second lieutenant in training at Camp Meade. The bride is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. McCracken of Waynesburg, who with about 25 invited guests from Smithfield and Waynesburg witnessed the ceremony. Soon after the ceremony the bride and groom left by auto for Waynesburg, where they will be the guests of relatives until the expiration of Mr. Strohmeier's furlough, when he will return to Camp Meade.

J. H. B. Guher of Camp Dix, is home on furlough until after Christmas. His son, Lieutenant Murford Guher who was on a five day furlough, returned to his command the same day that his father arrived. They did not meet, having passed on the way.

Donald Jones of Camp Sherman is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones and other relatives and friends of a five day furlough.

Earl Leadbetter, superintendent of the United Connellsville Coal company at Crystal, was in town Monday arranging the pay roll for the employees.

Mrs. Mary Hair of Fallen Timbers spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Rankin.

Mary Guher, a student at the Washington seminary is home for the Christmas vacation.

J. R. Shoop of Nicholson township was a visitor here Monday.

Joseph H. Thomas, wife and son, Ray S. Thomas, of North Georges township were borough visitors Monday.

Mrs. John Conn of Springhill township was a shopper here Monday.

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wheeler died at the home Sunday and will be buried in the Baptist cemetery here Wednesday.

Mrs. Marion Shaw of Bentleyville spent Christmas with her parents here.

The Prospect Coal company laid off work on Christmas.

William Hayden of Donora spent Christmas at his mother's home here.

Dr. J. R. Goodwin of Burwood was a business visitor Monday.

DOMESTIC USERS FIRST.

Fuel Administration Rules They Have First Right to Natural Gas.

Upon complaint of the domestic consumers of the United Fuel Gas company of West Virginia, that they were being deprived of the use of natural gas through the supply being directed to steel plants working on government orders, the Fuel administration has issued a ruling that gas for domestic purposes must be given preference over that for manufacturing and other purposes.

Blouses and Separate Skirts Join Forces



In the apparel offered for this season there is nothing more satisfying or useful than the blouses of dark-colored crepe georgette, embroidered with silk or small beads, and the separate skirt. Each has made a permanent place for itself and a model of each join forces in the picture given here to make an illustration that will prove interesting. The blouse is expected to do duty with other skirts, and the skirt may be worn with blouses of a different character. In any case the skirt and blouse, if selected with reference to each other, will convince us that they belong together.

These sheer blouses are surprisingly long-lived—like fragile looking persons with strong constitutions—they outlast many more robust looking specimens of the species. There is nothing more durable than fine voile, and a good quality of georgette has astonishing qualities. The blouse pictured is in dark blue with embroidery in the same color with a dash of red and a sprinkling of white in the pattern. It fastens on the shoulder and at one end in ways that are devious but satisfactory. Its sleeves are especially interesting, with a group of pin tucks in the under arm at the elbow and two wider tucks where they join the close-fitting cuffs.

The skirt is of dark blue taffeta with stripes in black outlined with batiste stripes in white. It is a com-

Perryopolis.

PERRYOPOLIS, Dec. 26.—G. A. Millward and family of Philadelphia are spending the holidays with D. B. Millward here.

Paul Martin of State College is spending the holidays with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brown, spent Xmas with relatives in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cosen are spending the holidays with relatives at Dunbar and Republic.

It is urged that all the ladies of the local Red Cross unit be present at the all day sewing at the M. E. church Thursday. The neighboring units will be present that day. Dinner will be served by this unit. The services of sewing machines will be much appreciated and taken care of.

The monthly league meeting will be held Friday evening.

O. E. Herwick and family are here for the holidays.

Miss Altha Fretts has returned from Punxsutawney and Miss Millicent Fretts has returned from Cincinnati to spend the holidays with Miss M. J. Fretts.

Program rendered Sunday evening at the Christian church: Song, "America;" scripture lesson, Superintendent and Choir; Lord's Prayer in concert; song by choir; welcome, Mary E. Echard; song, primary children; recitation, Alfred Adams; recitation, Eggle Nicholas; recitation, Russell Blair; Christmas choral; recitation, Mark Williams; recitation, Maud Lepley; recitation, Caroline McKee; recitation, Dorothy Wosnit; song, "Bells of Christmas;" school, "The Good Samaritan;" boys; recitation, Beatrice Williams; quartet; address by Mr. Huffner; song by choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Doid of New York, are visiting the former's mother Mrs. G. C. Michael, for a few days.

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Bracker and two children have returned from a visit with friends in Connellsville.

Charles D. Humbert was a Union town business caller recently.

Miss Julia Liston, a teacher in the Bradock schools, was here recently en route to Sobysport, Md., to spend a few days with relatives.

G. B. Cramer of near Unami, was here recently on business.

Dawson.

DAWSON, Dec. 26.—Floyd Wingrove is home from Camp Lee on a five day furlough. John Bonner, son of ex-McNamee Anthony Bonner, of Camp Sherman, also spent Christmas at home. Both boys speak in highest praise of the camps and say they get treated fine and that camp life agrees with them, each having gained about 15 pounds since entering camp.

Miss Margaret Ransler spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. B. S. Forsythe at Wilkinsburg.

James Laughrey was a business caller at Pittsburg Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore spent Christmas at Cleveland at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Crowell.

Mike Grasinger of McKees Rocks, spent Tuesday here with friends and relatives.

Max Woods was a recent Connellsville caller.

Charles Gool and daughter Teresa spent Sunday with friends and relatives in West Newton.

Miss Francis Barrett of Pittsburg spent Christmas with friends here.

Charles Rush of Uniontown, spent

In addition to this extraordinary after Christmas sale a Rousing

Coupon Sale

SATURDAY—Watch Friday's paper for large Coupon ad

KOBACKERS

THE BIG STORE

ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

EXTRAORDINARY REDUCTIONS

Save Half or Nearly Half on Season's Merchandise

Having enjoyed the greatest

Christmas business in our history, we

are naturally left with many small

lots and odd sizes in desirable new

merchandise, and as this ad. goes to

press our entire force is sorting and

arranging hundreds and hundreds of

articles that will be closed out at sav-

ings of one-half, one-third and one-

fourth.

It has always been our policy not

to carry goods over from season to

season and we will strictly adhere to

this policy although in many instances

we cannot replace certain items

in today's market at double the price

asked. Come early and join in the

savings as prices will be lower here

than at any store anywhere.

Spend Your Christmas Money Here and Get Double Value

BOLSHEVIKI SOLDIERS TAKEN PRISONERS BY THEIR FORMER COMRADES DURING FIGHTING IN PETROGRAD



This photograph shows a batch of Bolshevik soldiers, followers of Lenin, being marched off to captivity by former comrades who are supporters of the provisional government and who took them prisoner during the fighting in Petrograd.

Indian Creek.

INDIAN CREEK, Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Rogers and children of Roger's Mills are spending today among Connellsville friends.

C. R. Wagner, a veteran P. R. R. conductor of Altoona, is spending a few days here with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Haber.

Harold Marietta of Morgantown spent a few days among home friends at Mill Run.

Use our classified advertisements.

Henry Miner of Mill Run is spending today among Connellsville friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Otto of Jones' Mill left for Morgantown this morning and will spend a few days there among friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shiro and daughter, spent over Xmas among Normalville friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Showman of Connellsville are calling on friends near White bridge today.

Patronize those who advertise.

Mr. and Mrs. Sargent Harry Waddington are spending a few days with Mrs. Waddington's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kimball at Jones' Mill.

William Dear of Jones' Mill was a business caller here today.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Woodmansey and son Russell spent over Xmas with friends in Connellsville.

J. M. Illig was a business caller here.

FURLONGHS CANCELLED.

Soldiers Write From Camp Hancock That They Can't Get Home.

Furloughs to Company D boys are understood here to have been cancelled and that men who had been expecting to come home yesterday and today for the Christmas holidays will remain in the training camps.

John Bonner of Camp Sherman, O.

and Floyd Wingrove of Camp Lee, Petersburgh, Va., are spending a five day furlough here with their parents.

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DICKERSON RUN.

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A RAW, SORE THROAT

Eases Quickly When You Apply a Little Musterole.

And Musterole won't blister like the old-fashioned mustard plaster. Just spread it on with your fingers. It penetrates to the sore spot with a gentle touch, lessens the congestion and draws out the excess mucus.

You will find this class of persons in the hospital ranks. No unhealthily dull, drugged, soporific persons in that line. It is a healthy, robust aggregation of quick-stoppers who view life in a joyous frame of mind and are mentally and physically equal to any emergency. Hypoferin stands for sound body and sound mind—it is the invigorating tonic of the times—powerful and unsurpassed as a health restorer, vitalizer and health preserver.

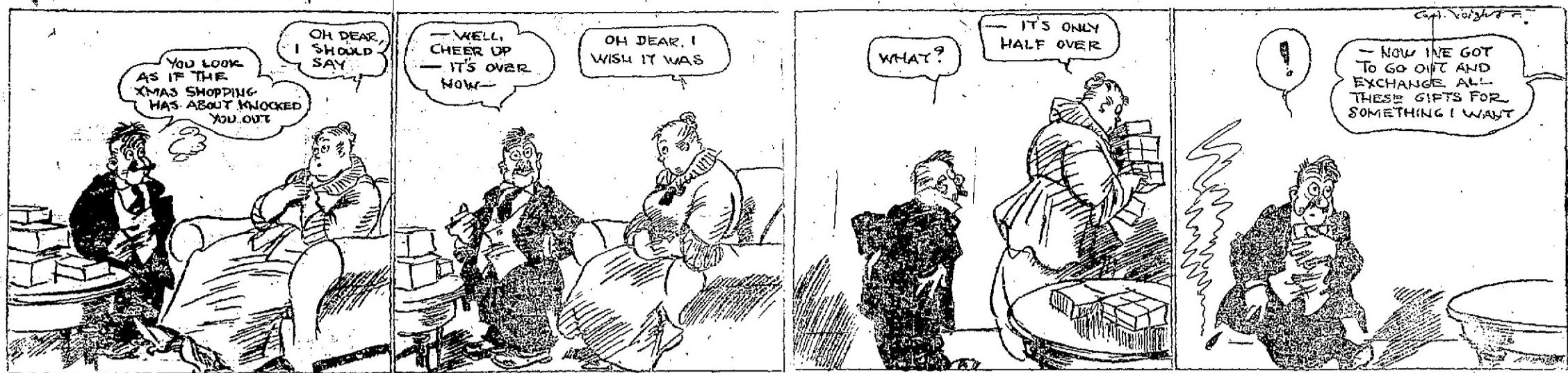
Fight—fight day in and day out to prevent being overtaken by ill and ails. Keep wrinkles from marring the cheek and the body from losing its youthful appearance and buoyancy.

Fight when ill-health is coming with its pallor and pains, defects and declining powers. Fight to stay its course and drive it off.

But fight intelligently. Don't fight without weapons that can win the day for without the intelligent use of effective weapons the palor spreads and weakness grows and a seemingly strong man or woman oftentimes becomes a prey to fits after all.

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PETEY DINK—A Woman's Work is Never Done



PUT GRAND KIBOSH ON SHINANIGANS WITH BASEBALL TO PREVENT TRICKERY



ADVOCATES OF CLEAN BALLS AND USER OF SHINE BALL.

The annual howl about trick pitching has been heard already. Connie Mack is the hurler, and while Connie can scarcely claim that sharp practice by the pitchers beat his "trick" Athletes out of the championship streamer this year, he can come out in favor of legislation by the rule-makers which will put the grand kibosh on shinanigans with a baseball.

And that is just what Cornelius has done. He opines that it would be better for everybody concerned if the aged spitter, the alleged shiner, the emery ball and all other tricks known to the pitching trade be forever mollished from the national pastime.

Would Stop Trickery.
"I hope that the rule-makers will pay some attention to the pitchers when they get together the next time," said Connolly recently. "Something should be done to abolish trickery and sharp practice by the spittin."

Connolly goes on to opine that something should be done to increase hitting and he believes one of the best ways to do it is to take some of the advantages away from the sharp-shooters. He claims that the batting averages show a decided decrease in hitting from year to year, and, while

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"It was a nervy, quick-witted trick on Choynski's part, but no one was any the wiser. Bob was washed up and told to jab in the second round, and jab he did. When Maher saw him

come back so strong he had the fear of the devil in his heart, and he told his seconds that Fitz was a devil in a man's frame.

"Bob kept jabbing Maher during the next ten rounds. He jabbed Peter's nose into a tomato and Peter went out in the eleventh."

"Any time anyone tells you that Peter Maher wasn't the hardest-hitting human who ever pulled on a glove send him around to me and I'll convince him."

NEW RULE FOR BASKETBALL

Coaches, Referees and Players Are Studying Changes Made by National Rules Committee.

On the threshold of a new season coaches, referees, and players are studying the changes made by the national basketball rules committee. Perhaps the most important among the new rules is the establishment of the "end zone." This rule makes the bounds extend two feet in back of each basket. Thus the baskets are placed within the field of play and much work around and beneath basket is expected as a result. Another rule change forces a substitute, on entering the game, to report to the scorer as well as to the referee. The rule declaring the timekeeper's whistle as the official ending of play will eliminate many arguments resulting from the delay in the referee's whistle after the timekeeper has sounded the final whistle.

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Football and basketball were the only two paying sports at Columbia University last season. More than \$40,000 was expended for athletics, with deficit of more than \$1,000.

BIG LEAGUE CLUBS AIM TO RETRENCH

Training Operations to Be Conducted on Very Modest Scale.

From present indications spring training operations of the 16 major league ball clubs will be conducted on a very modest scale in 1915.

The heavy expense of taking a big squad of ball players to the heavy Southland has caused talk of curtailments along this line for several years, but because of the hard knocks baseball has taken in a financial way and the uncertainties of what the future holds for the game owing to the world war, there is little chance that the club owners will be ready to spend money lavishly next spring.

A forerunner of the retrenchment policies of major league owners was found in the draft last September, when the major league clubs drafted fewer players than for the past ten years. The Chicago White Sox, for instance, did not draft a single player. Neither did the Pittsburgh Pirates. Several other clubs drafted only one or two men, and before spring training time arrives next March there is a chance that some of the drafted players will be turned back.

The annual report of the national commission, showing the players purchased from the minor leagues by major league clubs between the dates of the 1910 and 1917 drafts, showed a total of 127 players who were taken by the big leagues under approved agreements, other than optional contracts. In this list the Boston Red Sox did not obtain a single player by the purchase route, while the Boston Braves got but one. The drafted players totaled 33, 12 of whom were drafted by American league clubs and 21 by clubs in the National league.

In all the major leagues secured a total of 100 players, including both those purchased for trial and those drafted. Of this number it is said that not more than 50 per cent will be taken again.

UMPIRE NEVER PLAYED GAME

Connolly Is Violation of Every Qualification That Goes to Make Capable Official.

Tom Connolly, the dean of the American league staff, is one of the ablest arbiters in America, yet he is a violation of every qualification that goes to make a capable official.

In the first place, Connolly never played a game of ball in his life. Not

once did he swing a bat or catch a ball.

Shine Ball a Myth.

During the season just closed there was much discussion in the American league regarding the shine ball.

Connolly has since declared that there "ain't no such animal," but that doesn't make it unanimous by a long shot, for there are any number of would-be 300 hitters who will tell you that there is such a thing, and that it isn't a bit of help to an athlete who is trying to swell his steaming figures.

There will be a lot of changes in baseball discussed before the winter is over, and the pitching rules may come in for a hearing. If they do the boys who make their cases by waving a mean salary slipper in the regular season will all try to get themselves traded to the heavy-hitting clubs.

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FOUR CLASSES OF GOLFERS.

Golfers may be divided into four classes. First, there are those who do not know that they do not know. They are impossible. Second, there are those who do not know and know that they do not know. These are worth teaching. Third, there are those who know and do not know that they know. These are asleep and need rousing. Fourth, there are those who know and know that they know. These are wise golfers; follow them.

IS DROP KICKING A LOST ART?

Many Footballers Gained Much Fame Through Ability of Kick—Charlie Brickley Best.

An accurate drop kicker is oftentimes as great as a field goal. An afternoon off two ball teams fought out the regimental championship on a typical old sand lot. Working in a distant field the German prisoners "stalled" on the job watching the game. One of the ball players met a German from all angles, and what was even better, from all distances. The toe of the Harvard buck was known far and wide as a scoring machine to

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Macdonald closed the door behind them, then strode frowning up and down the room. The fear was growing on him that for all his great driving power he could not shake this slim girl from the view to which she clung. His relation with Meteete had been natural enough. He believed that he had acted very honorably to her. Many a man would have left her in the lurch to take care of the youngster by herself. But he had acknowledged his obligation. He was paying his debt scrupulously, and because of it the story had risen to confront him. He felt that it was an unjust blow of fate.

He knew that he must justify himself before Sheba or lose her. As he stood in the dusk so still and rigid, he knew her heart was steeled to him. Her finely chiseled face had the look of race. Never had the spell of her been more upon him. He crushed back a keen-edged desire to take her supple young body into his arms and kiss her till the scarlet ran into her cheeks like splashes of wine.

"You haven't the proper slant on this, Sheba. Alaska is the last frontier. It's the dropping-off place. You're north of fifty-three."

"Am I north of the Ten Commandments?" she demanded with the inexorable judgment of youth. "Did you leave the moral code at home when you came in over the ice?"

He smiled a little. "Morality is the average conduct of the average man at a given time and place. It is based on custom and expediency. The rules made for Drogheda won't fit Dawson or Nome. Meteete does not hold herself disgraced but honored. She counts her boy far superior to the other youngsters of the village, and he is so considered by the tribe. I am told she lords it over her sisters."

A faint flush of anger crept into her cheeks. "Your view of morality puts me in a bad light with the animals. I will not discuss the subject, if you please."

"We must discuss it. I must get you to see that Meteete and what she stood for in my life have nothing to do with us. They belong to my past. She doesn't exist for either of us isn't in any way a part of my present or future."

"She exists for me," answered Sheba listlessly. "She felt suddenly old and weary. "But I can't talk about it. Please go. I want to be alone."

Again Macdonald paced restlessly down the room and back. The man was one among ten thousand, dominant virile, every ounce of his strong and tested steel. But he felt as if all his energy were caged.

"Why don't you go?" the girl pleaded. "It's no use to stay."

He stopped in front of her. "I'm going to marry you, Sheba. You're mine."

"No. Never!" she cried. "I'll take the boat and go home first."

"You've promised to marry me. You're going to keep your word and be glad of it all your life."

She shook her head. "No."

"Yes." Macdonald had always shown remarkable restraint with her. He had kissed her seldom, and always with a kind of awe at her young purity. Now he caught her by the shoulders.

The color flamed into her face. She looked hot to the touch, an active volcano ready to erupt. There was an odd feeling in her mind that this big man was a stranger to her.

"Take your hands from me," she ordered.

"Do you think I'm going to give you up now—now, after I've won you because of a fool scruple in your pretty head? You don't know me. It's too late. I love you—and I'm going to protect both of us from your prudence."

His arms closed on her and he crushed her to him, looking down hungrily into the dark little face.

"Let me go," she cried fiercely, struggling to free herself.

For answer he kissed the red lips, the blushing cheeks, the angry eyes. Then, coming to his senses, he pushed her from him, turned, and strode heavily from the room.

CHAPTER XIII.

Gordon Buys a Revolver.

Selfridge was not eager to meet his chief, but he knew he must report at once. He stopped at his house only long enough to get into fresh clothes and from there walked down to the office.

It had been the intention of Macdonald to go direct from Sheba to his office, but the explosion brought about by Meteete had sent him out into the hills for a long time. He was in a stress of furious emotion, and until he had worked off the edge of it by hard marching, the cramped civilization of the town stifled him.

Hours later he strode into the office of the company. Wally lay asleep in a swivel chair, his fat body sagging and his head fallen sideways in such a way as to emphasize the plump folds of his double chin. His eyes opened. They took in his chief slowly. Then, in a small panic, he jumped to his feet.

"Must 'a' been taking thirty winks," he explained. "Been up nights a good deal."

"What doing?" demanded the Scotsman harshly.

In a hurried attempt to divert the anger of Macdonald, his assistant made a mistake. "Say, Mac! Who do you think came up on the boat with me? I wondered if you knew, Meteete and her kid."

He stopped. The big man was glancing savagely at him. But Macdonald

had said all that was necessary to say. Two men standing on the porch nodded a good evening to him. Gordon, about to pass, glanced at them again. They were Northrup and Trellaway, two of the miners who had had trouble with Macdonald on the boat.

On impulse he stopped. "Found work yet?" he asked.

"Found a job and lost it again," Northrup answered sullenly.

"Too bad."

Macdonald passed the word along that we weren't to get work. So our boss fired us. The whole district is closed to us: We been blacklisted," explained Trellaway.

"And we're busted," added his mate.

Elliot was always free-handed. Perhaps he felt just now unusually sympathetic toward these victims of the high-handed methods of Macdonald. From his pocket he took a small leather purse and gave a piece of gold to each of them.

"Just as a loan to carry you for a couple of days till you get something to do," he suggested.

Northrup demurred, but after a little pressing accepted the accommodation.

"I pay you soon back," he promised.

Trellaway laughed recklessly. He had been drinking.

"You bet. Me too."

His companion finished a look of warning at him and explained that they were going down the river to look for work outside of the district.

Suddenly Trellaway broke loose and began to curse Macdonald with a bitterness that surprised the government agent. What struck him most, though, was the obvious anxiety of Northrup to quiet his partner and to gloss over what he had said.

Elliot bought an automatic revolver next morning and a box of cartridges. He was not looking for trouble, but he intended to be prepared for it when trouble came looking for him. In the afternoon he walked out of town and practiced shooting at tin cans for half an hour. On his way back he met Peter Paget.

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MACCABEE JUNIORS LOSE TO THE ELKS IN A CLOSE GAME

B. P. O. E. Team Wins Christmas Night Contest By Score of 28-22.

GAME IS VERY INTERESTING

Only Two Points Difference in Score at End of First Half; Lady Macca-bees and Scottdale Girls Stage Good Preliminary; Good Crowd Present.

The Elks' basketball team defeated the Macca-bee Juniors on the Macca-bee floor last night, 28-22. The game was close, the Elks not getting a good lead until the second half. The first part of the game ended 13-11 for the Elks and in the next period the lead was increased.

The game was fast, being played in halves only. At the request of the Macca-bee Juniors the second half of the game was played under A. A. U. rules, the first part being played under National rules. The latter rules will be used throughout the season by the league teams.

The city league will be opened Friday night with the Macca-bee league team and the Garage playing, to be followed Monday night, New Year's Eve, with another between the Elks and the Baltimore & Ohio clerks.

A good crowd filled the auditorium of the hall last night and another big attendance is expected New Year's Eve. The local girls and the South Connellsville girls will play the preliminary Friday night. The Lady Macca-bees will line up against the O. T. W. girls' team as a preliminary on Monday evening. The O. T. W. team is composed of girls playing on the Overholt team last year.

The Lineup:

ELKS—28.	MACCABEE JRS.—22	
I. Goodman	forward	Robinson
E. Princoll	forward	Francis
R. Goodman	center	White
L. Lessig	guard	Peter
Jones	guard	Sliger
Field goals—I. Goodman 3. I. man 3. White 3. Lessig 2. Francis 2. Peter 2.		
Foul goals—I. Goodman 12 out of 27. Peter 8 out of 20.		
Substitution—Danner for Sliger.		

The Scottdale girls put up a stiff game against the re-enforced Lady Macca-bee team in the preliminary game, the local team winning by one basket, 7-6. The game was interesting throughout, there never being more than a difference of two points in the score.

Wagner and Bisher each shared a basket for the Lady Macca-bees, and Walker and Whitmore added three points with foul shots. Shirey made four of the Scottdale points, putting in three out of 14 foul shots, and Krouse making one out of three.

TO PLAY MOUNT PLEASANT.

Elks City League Team Will Play at State Armory There on Jan. 7.

The Elks team of the city league, winners of the Macca-bee Jr.-Elk game last night, have arranged a game with the Mount Pleasant basketball team at Mount Pleasant on January 7. The game was arranged by telephone last night.

The Elks will get in one more game here before going to Mount Pleasant. Two practices preparatory to the game will also be held. Rhodes, who jumped center for the Elks last year will again be in the lineup.

Meyersdale.

MEYERSDALE, Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hammond of Cumberland came up yesterday for a few days' visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hastings of Charleroi, are guests at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Switzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Zed Hoar and children are spending the holidays with relatives in Brownsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Boger of Zelienman, Md., are visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brown of Oliver street.

Mr. and Mrs. Do Forest Ludwig of Pittsburgh are holiday visitors with Mrs. Ludwig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. George Zimm have gone on a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Bedford.

Dr. and Mrs. M. R. Milne and two children left Monday for a few days' visit with Mrs. Milne's mother, Mrs. G. W. Tissue at Morgantown.

Miss Mary Wilmot, who is teaching in Acosta, Pa., is spending the holiday vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jessie Wilmot.

Miss Kathryn McKenzie of Pittsburgh is here for a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. McKenzie.

Clarence Dahl, a student at Carnegie Institute, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dahl.

August Gering left Monday night for a two weeks' visit with relatives in New Jersey.

J. E. Barnhart of Baltimore, is here for a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Fredline.

Miss Marcelle Reich has returned from a week's visit with relatives in Pittsburgh.

Miss Edna Wagner of Johnstonstown is a guest of her friend, Miss Emma Finegan.

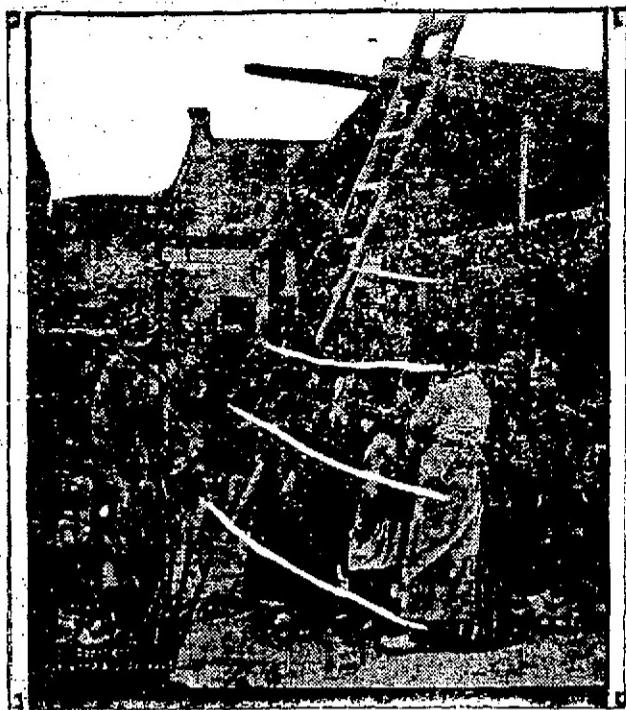
Miss Nora Cox of McKees Rocks is visiting her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Cox and other relatives and friends.

John Bane of Johnstonstown spent Christmas here with his grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Dunn.

W. F. Conklehan of Pittsburgh is spending a few days here with his sisters, the Misses Conklehan of North Street.

Mr. Charles Dahl is visiting relatives and friends in Lonaconing.

MISS MORGAN SUPERINTENDING REBUILDING OF HOMES IN FRANCE



Miss Anne Morgan, head of the American Fund for French Wounded Reconstruction Unit, is personally superintending the rebuilding of ruined peasant homes in the Aisne district. Here she is shown giving directions to the soldier workmen who have been placed under her orders by the French military authorities. In addition to rebuilding homes, the unit supplies to the refugees all household necessities as well as clothing and farm implements.

At the Theatres

THE PARAMOUNT.

"THE WINGED MYSTERY."—A five part Bluebird feature in which Franklin Farnum appears in the leading role, supported by Rosemary Theby, a favorite screen star, is being presented today. In the production Mr. Farnum is called upon to perform some bewildering quick changes in his dual capacity as a German army captain and a rip roaring Yankee patriot, playing twin brothers born in Germany of American parents and reared to manhood in Berlin. When the world war extended to America the twins parleyed, after August had fittingly shown his miserable disposition. Thrilling episodes result from complex complications of the most puzzling variety and swift moving episodes furnish abundance of excitement. Through all the various changes runs an engaging love story in which the twins are abetted by two of the prettiest girls in filmdom. A comedy is included. Tomorrow, Kitty Gordon, the celebrated screen star whose regal beauty is framed in the smartest of new frocks, will be seen in "Her Hour." This is one of the biggest and best pictures in which Miss Gordon has ever appeared. Friday and Saturday Madge Kennedy will appear in "Baby Mine," a Goldwyn attraction.

THE ARCADE.

At the Arcade yesterday Hank's Jazzland Girls played to immense crowds. The bill was the "Jazz Barber Shop," the action taking place in an alleged haunted house. Charles Redman was in the leading role, the negro porter. The comedy was broad with plenty of old hokum, but it pleased the holiday crowds. The laughs were continuous. The song numbers were only fair, being old. The chorus is remarkable for its youthfulness, but lacks the snap and go to make it come up to the standard of Arcade attractions. The real bright spots were the banjo duets by Billie and Lillie Wylie, who furnished the jazz. The act has real merit. Miss Wylie has an original novelty in her vernalique song and funny black baby doll. The bill for today will be "Dr. Jazz, M. D." The picture will be the "Fighting Trail," which hundreds of Connellsville picture fans claim to be the greatest picture ever made.

OPHEUM THEATRE.

"MISS U. S. A."—Featuring June Caprice, deals with the spy system in this country, and besides it has love interest and plenty of stirring action. The Mutual Weekly will also be shown. Tomorrow "Ain't Murdock" is featured in "Please Help Emily," a pretty girl, a doting father, two determined lovers, after Emily and pap called to Egypt; pave the way for this hilariously funny story. Emily flees the guardianship of friends and finds it necessary to take refuge in the apartments of Trotter, one of her admirers. Friday and Saturday, Marquette Clark appears in Mary Roberts Rinehart's story, "Bob's Matinee Idol."

THE SOISSON.

"ON THE MEXICAN BORDER." Today and tomorrow the Mexican war drama, "On the Mexican Border," will be presented. A drama full of thrills and startling situations, staged in the usual lavish style and a great patriotic tableau to conclude the performance, showing the Statue of Liberty, soldiers, sailors and Red Cross nurses in artistic poses. Every member of the Angell Stock company is the proud owner of a Liberty Bond, and an active member and worker for the American Red Cross.

Holy Roller Display.

CARMI, Ill., Dec. 26.—Rev. Samuel Seibert was arrested Sunday on the advice of the United States marshal, for an alleged diabolical utterance a few weeks ago at a Holy Roller meeting. Rev. Mr. Seibert said he would not salute the flag. The next day he was forced to salute the flag in the town square.

Clarence Dahl.

Clarence Dahl, a student at Carnegie Institute, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dahl.

A GOLDEN RULE SPIRIT IS MRS. GAVEN'S GUIDE

Marshwood Lady Would Thank Any One for Advice That Restores Health.

"I am a different woman since taking Tanlac," declared Mrs. S. Gaven, a highly respected lady of Marshwood, near Scranton.

"I suffered from stomach trouble. My stomach was so weak that nothing I ate agreed with me. I used to get spells of indigestion that took all the energy out of me, and I would have to go to bed for a week at a time.

"I would have splitting headaches, and finally I felt like a nervous wreck. One of the worst experiences I had was the loss of sleep. The sleep I did get did not seem to rest me as it should, because I would get up more tired than when I went to bed. Tanlac was worth many dollars to me. I am a different woman since taking it.

"Just think, I can eat anything now without discomfort. I sleep sound throughout the night. I enjoy my meals with a relish. I recommend Tanlac because I believe in doing unto others as you would have others do unto you, and I would thank any one that would recommend anything that would bring back health to any half sick or nervous run-down woman."

Tanlac is sold here at the Connellsville Drug Co.

Tanlac can also be secured in Dunbar at D. C. Eason's Drug store.—Adv.

AIR ATTACK ON GERMAN NAVY URGED BY FISKE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Use of airplanes in a major attack on Germany's navy, was recommended in a letter made public here from Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, to Allan R. Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America. The idea, the latter says, is not a "foolish notion of fanatics in aeronautics," but is a sound idea, based on the principles of strategy.

"All Germany's naval eggs are in one basket," rear Admiral Fiske declared, "and those eggs are vitally essential to her existence as a nation. It is my profound conviction that we can prepare and deliver them on a scale sufficiently great.

"Whether or not the submarine has been beaten," Admiral Fiske added, "let us realize that the submarine is only one of many naval weapons, and that naval strategy recognizes that fact that so long as the enemy's fleet exists as a fighting force, so long as it remains what we call a fleet in being, it constitutes a continuing menace, from which an attack of some kind may be expected at any time. For this reason, no more subsidence of submarine activities should blind us to a desirability of sinking or disabling the German fleet.

"If the only way to win this war is to fight a long succession of enormous land battles, then we must fight them, but it may be advantageous to see if an alternative method, less bloody, but equally decisive, can be devised."

Vanderbilt.

VANDERBILT, Dec. 24.—Mrs. G. M. Stricker is ill at her home at Hopewell farm.

J. H. Henderson, who is attending Allegheny college at Meadville, arrived Saturday and will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Henderson.

Misses Eva Rea and Phoebe Thorpe of Pittsburgh, are spending a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Freed of Highland farm.

Prof. and Mrs. J. Earle Roberts are spending a few days with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Bower of Morgantown, W. Va.

Mrs. Robert McBurney is ill at her home near Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rowan spent Monday among Connellsville friends.

A. W. Nicholson of Dickerson Run, spent a few days with his family at Mill Run.

George and Davis Harkins from Jones Mill, spent Monday in Connellsville.

J. H. Prioleau was a business caller in Connellsville Monday.

J. W. Barger of Indian Head, was a business caller in Connellsville and Uniontown Monday.

Misses Ada Roan and Olive Friend from Mill Run, spent Monday among Connellsville friends and shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Iverson Morrison and daughter of Mill Run, are calling on Connellsville friends.

Mrs. Charles Marietta of Mill Run, was a Connellsville shopper Monday.

C. S. Pore of Indian Head, was a business caller here Monday.

Mrs. Charles Rose from Rogers Mill, spent Monday among Connellsville friends.

Patronize those who advertise.

Ohioyle.

OHIOYLE, Dec. 24.—Miss Lena Mitchell of Wilkinsburg is spending a few days in Ohioyle.

C. G. Blair of Uniontown and M. H. Hochstetter of Cheat Haven are spending over Christmas at their homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lytle left Saturday for Stoystown to spend over Christmas.

Among the callers in Connellsville Saturday were Dwight Show, Henry Hiles, Russell Davis, Brown Hall, Lee Woodmansey, Bentford Cunningham, Robert Cunningham, Joe Tissue, Hugh Corrigan, Edward Cunningham and A. Taylor.

Lola Rafferty of Connellsville spent Sunday calling on her grandparents on Garrett street.

Beulah Ordorff and Hazel Wolfe returned Sunday from a short visit in Connellsville.

Fred Rafferty of Uniontown is spending a few days at his home here.

Mrs. E. H. Kennedy has returned from a short visit at Uniontown.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gundrum and children spent Saturday shopping in Connellsville.

Holy Roller Display.

Special "After-Christmas" Sales

Christmas Goods and Apparel

Save ONE-FOURTH to ONE-HALF

Winding up the old year in a climax of splendid value giving. Lowest prices of the year now in force on seasonable, wanted merchandise of our customary good quality and style. Buy now—both for present and future needs—while these extraordinary savings are available.

Christmas Goods One-Fourth to One-Half Off

- All Brass Goods One Half Price.
- All Silver Goods One Half Price.
- Calendars, Mottoes, Booklets, Half Price.
- Some Leather Goods One Fourth Off.
- Pictures One Half Price.
- Waste Baskets One Third Off.
- Soiled Books, 60c kind, 47c.
- Soiled Books, \$1.25 kind, 90c.
- Soiled Stationery One Fourth Off.
- Odd Toilet Articles Half Price.

Soiled Neckwear One Half Price.

Soiled Handkerchiefs One Third Off.

Soiled Linens, Napkins, Towel Cloths, 25% Off.

Sweaters, hand made, One Fourth Off.

Royal Society Packages, One Fourth Off.

Finished Models Art Needlework, One Fourth Off.

Soiled Gloves, One Third Off.

All Women's and Misses' Suits Half-Price

Including every Suit in our stock, from the least expensive styles up to the ultra-smart, exclusive models, only one of a kind. The only restriction is the old rule of "first come, first served," which means that first buyers have more varied and satisfactory choice.

Materials

Ribodier, burella, poplin, gabardine, serge, rayonier, silvertone and broadcloth, made up in tailored, semi-tailored and dressy styles. No more fashionable materials shown this season—and none more serviceable. Some models with collars that may be worn either high or low. All sizes for women and misses.

